

**REMARKS**

Applicant filed a Rule 116 Amendment After Final on November 23, 2001. In the Amendment After Final, certain claims were amended, certain claims were cancelled, a new Abstract was submitted and a Substitute Specification including marked-up copy of the original was submitted.

In an Advisory Action mailed December 7, 2001, the amendments to the claims were not entered, the abstract was not entered and the substitute specification would only be entered upon filing of a Notice of Appeal and Appeal Brief.

It is now requested the foregoing amendments to the claims be entered prior to computation of the CPA filing fees. A marked up version of the amended claims is attached as required under 37 CFR 1.121. The claims as amended are believed to be allowable for all the reasons stated in the Amendment After Final filed on November 23, 2001.

A new abstract is also attached and entry of the same is requested.

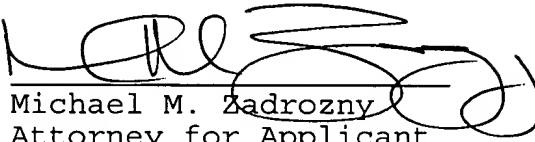
Formal entry of the Substitute Specification filed on November 23, 2001 is likewise requested. A marked up version of the original specification showing the changes made within the Substitute Specification was previously filed on November 23, 2001. No new matter has been added.

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It is believed that no fee is due; however, should that be incorrect, please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2105 and inform the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. (twice amended) A device for providing electrical contact to an outer conductor of a coaxial cable, the outer conductor having bare segments, said device comprising:

a) a base structure adapted to be tensioned around a coaxial cable, said base structure provided with an interior surface and an exterior surface;

b) sealing lips operatively associated with said base structure and extending from said interior surface thereof, said sealing lips for providing a seal between said base structure and a coaxial cable when said base structure is tensioned therearound;

c) a band shaped, electrically conducting contact element attached to said base structure, said band shaped, electrically conducting contact element including at least one resilient, electrically conducting contact protrusion [ integral ] unitary therewith and biased to extend beyond said sealing lips so that when said base structure is tensioned around a coaxial cable said resilient, electrically conducting contact protrusion will rest against the bare segments of the coaxial cable and provide electrical contact therewith.

8. (twice amended) Device as claimed in claim 1, and wherein said base structure is at least one of a band-shaped or [ plat-shaped ] plate-shaped contact element constructed from electrically

conducting material.

13. (twice amended) A device for providing electrical contact to an outer conductor of a coaxial cable, the outer conductor having bare segments, said device comprising:

a) a base structure adapted to be tensioned around a coaxial cable, said base structure provided with an interior surface and an exterior surface;

b) sealing lips operatively associated with said base structure and extending from said interior surface thereof, said sealing lips for providing a seal between said base structure and a coaxial cable when said base structure is tensioned therearound;

c) a band shaped, electrically conducting contact element attached to said base structure, said band shaped, electrically conducting contact element including at least one resilient, electrically conducting contact protrusion unitary therewith and biased to extend beyond said sealing lips so that when said base structure is tensioned around a coaxial cable said resilient, electrically conducting contact protrusion will rest against the bare segments of the coaxial cable and provide electrical contact therewith; and

[ Device as claimed in claim 1 and wherein ]

d) said at least one resilient, electrically conducting

contact protrusion consists of a blade projecting away from said base structure interior surface.

20. (twice amended) Device as claimed in claim 16 and  
[ wherein ] further comprising:

a) additional resilient electrically conducting contact  
[ protrusion ] protrusions, said additional resilient electrically  
conducting contact protrusions are [ provided and ] mounted in a  
mutually spaced manner and in [ the ] a circumferential direction  
of said base structure and in alignment along [ one ] a single  
circumferential line thereof.

22. (twice amended) Device as claimed in claim 16 and wherein  
said base structure is integral and circumferentially open and  
includes first and second opposite ends each of which [ a ] are  
provided with respective brackets [ which ] that are connectable.

23. (twice amended) Device as claimed in claim 22 and wherein  
said respective brackets are adapted to be connected to each other  
[ by means of ] with screws.

24. (twice amended) Device as claimed in claim 1 and wherein  
said base structure includes an elastic part and said elastic part  
having a surface coextensive with said base structure interior

surface and adapted for connection to said band shaped, electrically conducting contact element.

26 (twice amended) Device as claimed in claim 24 and wherein said elastic part is [ an elastomer, in particular ] formed from a thermoplastic elastomer.

39. (twice amended) Device as claimed in claim 1 and further including sealing surfaces , said sealing surfaces consisting of mutually facing interior surfaces of cooperating bracket members, said cooperating bracket members extending from said base member and at least one of made of an elastic material or adapted to sandwich an elastic sealing element therebetween when in an [ assembly ] assembled position.